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REMARKS

This application has been carefully reviewed in light of the Office Action dated March 16, 2006. Claims 16-36 remain pending in this application. Claims 16, 23, and 30 are the independent claims.

Applicants note with appreciation the allowance of Claims 16-36.

In response to the Office Action's nonstatutory double patenting rejection, Applicants believe the appended terminal disclaimer in compliance with 37 CFR 1.321(c) or 1.321(d) overcomes the rejection. Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the double patenting rejection.

Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance, and a Notice of Allowance is earnestly solicited.

Please charge any fee deficiencies and credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 14-1270.

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